MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: May I know what are the requisite conditions which have to be satisfied preliminary to the establishment of a hospital?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The general requirements are that there shall not be any other medical institution in the neighbourhood.

Ayurvedic Sale Depot.

234 *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies-North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government maintain an Ayurvedic sale depot; and

(*b*) the approximate cost of medicines sold per day in that depot in 1118, 1119 and 1120?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

		Rs.	*Ch.*	*C.*	
(*b*)	1118 ...	14	25	11	
	1119 ...	9	22	4	
	1120 ...	9	0	0	(average for the period till the end of Mithunam)

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know the reason for this fall in sale during 1119 and 1120?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The sale depends upon the demand of medicine and there is no special reason for the decline.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether there is a shortage of medicine compared with the previous years?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: That may perhaps be one of the reasons.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether steps are being taken to increase the production of Ayurvedic medicines?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The honourable member knows that at present there are difficulties in getting the necessary vessels and drugs and so the department is not in a position to manufacture all the required medicines.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*): May I know whether the shortage in sale is due to the inefficacy or inferiority of the medicines sold in the Depot?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No, not due to the inefficacy.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know whether any contract has been given for the manufacture?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No contracts have been given.

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